

**INVENTORSHIP DECLARATION BY JOINT INVENTORS**

WE HEREBY DECLARE THAT:

Our mailing addresses and citizenship are stated below:

We believe that we are the original, first, and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**DATABASE SYSTEM AND METHOD WITH IMPROVED LOCKS**

the specification of which:

- ☒ is attached hereto.
- ☐ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ and  
was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

We have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with 37 CFR §1.56, including, for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

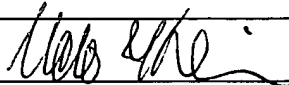
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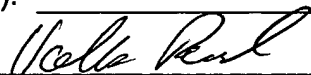
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